

## **PLUMBERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2006**

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 8:35 A.M.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 10:45 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Dudley, *Chairperson*  
David Told  
Ed Gongaware  
David Halverson  
Gloria Miley

**DOPL STAFF:** J. Craig Jackson, *Director DOPL*  
F. David Stanley, *Associate Director*  
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*  
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*  
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

**VISITORS:** Kevin Barkdull, *UPHCA*  
George Billings, *Salt Lake Community College*  
Kevin Flannery, *UPHCA*  
Ross Ford, *Utah Valley State College*  
Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech. College*  
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech. College*  
Curtis Nielsen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech. College*  
David Olson, *Utah Valley State College*  
Vern Petersen, *ICC*  
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*  
Lori Stewart, *Mountainland Applied Tech. College*  
John Walker, *UPHCA*

**MINUTES:** Robert Dudley, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The November 1, 2006 minutes were presented for approval. Ed Gongaware made a motion to accept the November minutes and the motion was seconded by Gloria Miley. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**MASTER PLUMBER:** The board discussed the proposed master plumber legislative bill and the hearing before the Business & Labor Committee.

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Robert Dudley said members of the committee expressed concern that the bill appeared more like gate keeping. In fact, what they were trying to do was clean up their industry. It was determined the bill would not limit the amount of working plumbers in the trade. However, it would help those going into business as a plumbing contractor to be successful. An important aspect of this bill was the business education requirement. Dudley stated an education requirement would be good for all the construction industry.

David Halverson said he spoke with Senator Scott Jenkins. The bill has been filed and will go through the process with an unfavorable recommendation from the Business & Labor Committee. The committee was concerned about the one year education requirement that involved courses in business, management and finance. They wanted this education requirement further defined by statute. Halverson recommended a motion to suggest amending this portion of the bill to read: *“Nine semester hours or equivalent in the areas of project supervision, construction accounting, business law, office management, construction management or other business related courses approved by the plumbing board.”* There would also be an exemption from the education requirement. *“Contractors licensed for five years or more in other trades or states that are currently in good standing will not be required to fulfill the required nine credit hours of education.”* David Told seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of these suggested changes to the bill. The board also approved a letter to the state legislature in support of the bill with the above suggested amendments.

Those attending from industry will form a committee and work together on getting this bill passed.

## REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS ON CURRICULUM

Will Pierce of the Salt Lake Community College was working on setting up an education subcommittee that would look at the curriculum of the state schools and make sure the schools were teaching the same thing. Pierce, in reporting to the board, said due to the semester coming to an end he was unable to meet with the other schools.

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He did receive a lot of input, but he did want more time to review the curriculum with industry and associations. Pierce said as soon as he has additional information he will report back to the board.

Told brought a flier from Mountainland Applied Technical College that he wanted to talk about. Lori Stewart of Mountainland indicated the flier concerned two options for students. First, if students just want to obtain the required education to be licensed as a plumber they could receive their education at Mountainland at a discounted rate. The funding for this was custom fit dollars from the State of Utah. The other option involved Utah Valley State College. Here students would pay more, but in addition to their plumbing education they would also receive an associate degree. Ross Ford of Utah Valley State College stated students needed to be aware of these two options. Told indicated it would have been nice if the board had also been informed.

#### **REVIEW RESPONSE LETTERS SENT TO IAPMO & ICC**

The board in their previous meeting approved letters to be mailed to IAMPO and ICC. These two organizations were working towards a single nationwide plumbing code, but then negotiations broke down. The letters were written in an effort to encourage IAMPO and ICC to again work towards a single code. IAMPO and ICC responded to the board's letters and these letters were discussed.

Vern Peterson of ICC said it is unlikely the concept of a single code will go forward unless the voting committee for ICC changes. ICC is a not for profit association and building officials do the voting.

#### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Board reviewed out of state applications.

**All business concluded, meeting adjourned.**

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*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

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Board Chairperson Signature

Date

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Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

Date